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160 METER INFORMATION NET. SP5INQ and UA9CBO run a weekly information net for 160 meters on Saturdays, on 14339 kHz at 1230z.

3A, MONACO (NEWS AND EVENTS). Daniel, 3A2LZ, informs OPDX of the following events taking place in 3A-land. The Monaco Post Office is issuing a special cancellation mark in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Association des Radio-Amateurs de Monaco's existence. The dates of issuing the special cancellation mark mentioned so far: February 17-26th on letters, February 27-March 12th on postcards, and April 17-24th on letters.

The International Rotary Conference will be held this summer in Nice, France from June 10-15th. The ROARS station will be in Monaco at the Loews hotel and a special callsign will be used for this occasion. Look for 3A2RAR (Rotary Amateur Radio). QSL via 3A2LZ.

3D2, CONWAY REEF. A group of four amateurs plan to challenge the solar cycle, winds, sharks, reefs, birds and "the notorious native ticks" to give the deserving a shot at this rare DXCC country. The group expects to arrive on Conway Reef on March 24 and stay until April 3. This will provide two full weekends on the reef, with the first coinciding with the CQWW SSB WPX contest. They plan to use three 1 kW stations, of which two will be on the air at all times. There will be beams for all higher bands, including 12 and 17 meters, and verticals for the lower bands. Emphasis will be on the low bands (including 160 meters), the WARC bands and RTTY. European stations will be a major objective at all times.

The operators presently are: Mats/SM7PKK, Pekka/OH1RY, Nils/SM6CAS and Garry/NI6T. They will be seeking one additional adventurer to join them. Callsigns have not yet been issued, but will be available shortly.

Suggested frequencies:

CW - 1823, 3503/3523, 7003/7023, 10103, 14003/14023, 18071, 21003/21023, 24893 and 28023 kHz

SSB - 1843, 3785, 7085, 14195, 18115, 21295, 24935 and 28495 kHz

RTTY - 7030/7082, 10120, 14082, 18100, 21082 and 28082 kHz

There will be two QSL routes. For SSB: Philip Marsh, G4WFZ, Orcheston Road 28, Bournemouth, BH8 8SR Dorset, Great Britain. For CW/RTTY: Mats Persson, SM7PKK, Zenithgatan 24 # 5, S-212 14 Malmo, Sweden (Do not use any other address for SM7PKK). This DXpedition will be costly. Donations by individuals and groups will be greatly appreciated. Donations and

questions should be directed to Mats, SM7PKK, team coordinator.

4E, PHILIPPINES. Tom, SM0CNS, will stop using the callsign SM0CNS/4E7 after January 31st and begin using SM0CNS/DU7 again. The 4E7 prefix was used to celebrate the Papal visit to the Philippines. Tom continues to be active on 160 meters (1827 kHz) around 1400z and again from 2000z until his sunrise at 2200z. QSL to: Thomas Bevenheim, Villa Sea Q, Ronda, Cebu Island 6034, Philippines.

ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY. Brian, KC4USB, is active from Byrd Surface Camp until February 10th. He can be found daily around 14270 kHz after 0030z. Henry, KC4USX, is active from Williams Field daily around 14270 kHz after 0300z. KC4AAG is active from Terra Nova Bay (new base), and also frequents 14270 kHz after 0300z. QSL all stations via K4MZU. Eddie, VI0ANT, is active from Davis Base (Australian) and continues to be active on 40 and 20 meters CW at various time. QSL via VK4EET.

DU0, SPRATLY ISLAND. (UPDATE) Bobby Garcia, DU6BG, (President of the Philippine Amateur Radio Association - PARA) will be leading an all Philippine team (no foreign operators will be allowed because of security reasons) to Spratly to activate DU0K on all bands and modes from April 10-16th. QSL via DU9RG.

ET, ETHIOPIA. ET3BT has been showing up on the 14226 DX Net around 1830z. QSL to Box 6128, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

J2, DJIBOUTI. J20UFT, who was active this past weekend on RTTY on 20 meters, mentioned his QSL Manager's (F5LBM) address in the callbook is incorrect. The correct address for F5LBM is Patrick LaBeaume, 38 Chemin Du Plateau, 67500 Haguenau, France.

SOUTHEAST ASIA DXPEDITION. Information from the Tokyo Packet Cluster, reports JA2EZD will sign from Thailand (HS), Laos (XW), Vietnam (3W,XV) and Singapore (9V) from February 10th. No callsigns or bands of activity were mentioned.

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. Apollo, SV2ASP/A, was heard with DL5EBE working stateside station on 18140 kHz between 1315 and 1345z.

TN, CONGO. German members/friends of NODXA will be active from here until about February 29th. Permission to operate from the CONGO has been approved by their Secret Service and the licenses will be available upon their arrival in Brazzaville. The group departed January 25th and is expected to arrive in Brazzaville on the 26th of January. No word on their activities as been heard as this bulletin was being printed. There will be six operators: Holger/DL7VTM, Birgit/DL7VTZ, Tom/DL7UTM and possibly Ragnar/DL7URH, Fritz/DL7VRO and his XYL (callsign unknown). They will be taking two complete stations (2-Yaesu FT-890's, 3 Yagis, Linear Amps) and they plan to operate the satellites also. They are hoping to receive the following callsigns: TN4U for the ladies, TN4M for SSB and TN5N for CW. Frequencies will be plus or minus the usual DX frequencies.

Meanwhile, a station signing TN9DX was heard on 40 meters CW between 2045 and 2345z. Station was saying QSL via N4ZA. WFWL!

VP2M, MONTSERRAT. (CORRECTION!) In last week's bulletin we mentioned that Art, WA2UJH, would be active from February 16-26th, but the QSL information was reported wrong (your editor was too quick with the fingers on the keyboard... hihi). The correct QSL route is via NW8F, not NW2F as reported.

VU7, ANDAMAN ISLANDS. According to VK4AAR on the Southern Cross Net, VU2JPS is active now from the Andamans. He is active only on 40 meters SSB, but may be active on the other bands soon. Check 7060 kHz around 0200z and 0730z. QSL via VU2JPS.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. (UPDATE) It is reported that John, YA/PA3BTQ, is reportedly in Mazar-i-Sharif with the International Red Cross and will be there for two more months. The operator was heard saying he would have antennas up for all bands including the lower bands at the end of January. QSL via CBA. WFYL! There have been no QSNs reported since last week, January 22nd.

ZL9, AUCKLAND ISLANDS. A group is headed to the island to do geological studies and make a documentary movie about this island group. In the this island group there is one larger island and five smaller islands, with several detached islands and rocky pinnacles. The complete team consists of 15 people, some scientist, a group of movie-makers and two ham radio operators. Leader of the expedition will be Dr. W. Juster, a geologist. The expedition to Auckland Island is planned to start on the 28th of January. The duration will be 18 days.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR: There will probably be no bulletin next week (February 6), because of some personal activities. Please keep sending your DX information. (You may never know, I may put one together before the weekend, if I receive enough information.)

ONLY 2 MORE DAYS LEFT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPDX/NODXA DX SURVEY!!!!
KEEP THOSE BALLOTS COMING! Ballots for the Fourth Annual OPDX/NODXA DX Survey can be found in OPDX.184. Ballots can be sent to the following packet and online addresses listed below.

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